

Remarks

It is respectfully requested that claims 16 - 18 be allowed in view of this Amendment and these Remarks.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b). Accordingly, claim 1 has been cancelled.

Claims 16 - 18 were deemed allowable by the Examiner, and such allowance is gratefully acknowledged.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

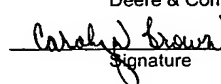
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